



EARLY LITERACY PROGRAM

Governor's plan: Creates a statewide literacy initiative for early grades that includes tutoring and extra help for students who fall behind. Requires third-graders to pass a reading assessment test before they are promoted to the fourth grade.

House plan: Reading initiative similar to the governor's plan. Third-grade retention plan doesn't start until 2016.

Senate plan: Reading initiative similar to the governor's plan. Third-grade retention is not mandatory if the student doesn't pass assessment. Allows the consideration of mastery in other subjects in retention decision. Parent or guardian must be consulted before a child is held back.



TEACHER COMPENSATION

Governor's plan: Creates teacher compensation task force.

House plan: Creates teacher compensation task force.

Senate plan: No task force.



TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Governor's plan: Requires a 3.0 GPA to enter a teacher prep program.

House plan: No changes to current statute.

Senate plan: Requires a study of GPA requirements.



ONLINE LEARNING

Governor's plan: Allows for up to 100 percent of instruction to be delivered online with a physical requirement waiver. Requires that teachers are state-certified and licensed. Exempts Clayton Ridge Community School District and CAM Community School District from rules.

House plan: Requires that teachers and students meet on a regular basis. Does not exempt the two school districts that the governor's bill does.

Senate plan: Requires that only 50 percent of instruction can be delivered online. Does not exempt the two school districts that the governor's bill does.



STUDENT ASSESSMENTS

Governor's plan: Mandatory exams: kindergarten readiness assessment, high school end-of-course, Programme for International Student Assessment and ACT. Requires value-added assessments.

House plan: Requires kindergarten readiness and high school end-of-course. Allows option to take ACT or career development test. Requires value-added assessments.

Senate plan: Requires kindergarten readiness.



TEACHER EVALUATIONS

Governor's plan: Requires annual supervisor evaluations of teachers. Gives authority to the state to design the evaluation.

House plan: Requires annual supervisor evaluations of teachers. Allows for a waiver from the requirements. The Department of Education designs the evaluation.

Senate plan: Requires annual evaluations. Two of every three years are peer evaluations and the third is a supervisor evaluation. A task force designs the evaluation.